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SUMMARY: MAURITANIAN FONMIN REQUESTS MEETING WITH SECRETARY
IN NEW YORK.

1. AT AIRPORT THIS MORNING AS HE DEPARTED FOR NOUADHIBOU
ACCOMPANYING RULER OF KUWAIT DURING FINAL DAY OF LATTER'S
OFFICIAL VISIT HERE, FONMIN MOUKNASS SAID HE HOPED IT WOULD BE
POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MEET WITH SECRETARY IN NEW YORK SOMETIME
BETWEEN SEPT 26 AND OCT 5.

2. TOLD FONMIN I UNAWARE OF SECRETARY'S PLANS FOR NEW YORK.
AS HE AWARE, SENATE CONFIRMATION PROCEEDINGS STILL IN PROGRESS.
MOUKNASS SAID HE APPRECIATED SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE WOULD BE
CROWDED BUT HOPED BRIEF MEETING WOULD BE ARRANGED. HE HIMSELF
IS SCHEDULED ADDRESS UNGA SEPT 26 AND PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH
HAS DIRECTED HIM TO STAY THROUGH OCT 4 FOR SCHEDULED SPEECH
OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND MEETING WITH LATTER.

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3. ASKED IF THERE ANY SPECIAL SUBJECT HE WOULD WISH RAISE WITH

SECRETARY IF MEETING WERE POSSIBLE, FONMIN REPLIED HIS PRINCIPAL MISSION WOULD BE TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION OF PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH AND MAURITANIAN PEOPLE FOR THE SIZEABLE AND EXPEDITIOUS ASSISTANCE THE UNITED STATES HAS FURNISHED MAURITANIA THIS YEAR AS EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF. HE ALSO WOULD, IF SECRETARY INTERESTED, BE PREPARED DISCUSS HIS IMPRESSIONS OF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS AND MAURITANIA'S RECENT EFFORTS ON BEHALF GREATER ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION. (FONMIN'S ACCOUNT OF THESE ISSUES BY SEPTTEL.)

4. COMMENT. FONMIN MOUKNASS WAS PRINCIPAL FORCE MANUVERING GIRM TO SEEK RESTORATION OF US-MAURITANIAN RELATIONS IN 1970 FOLLOWING RUPTURE AT TIME OF 1967 ARAB-ISRAEL WAR. HE HAS CONSISTENTLY STAKED HIS PRESTIGE ON ENCOURAGING CLOSER OFFICIAL TIES WITH US AND ON BRINGING PRIVATE US ENTERPRISE TO MAURITANIA. IN HIS RADIO ADDRESS RETURNING FROM NEW YORK LAST FALL HE FEATURED VALUE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY ROGERS. STRONGLY URGE THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE SECRETARY AGREE MEET WITH MOUKNASS DURING PERIOD SEPT 25-OCT 5.
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